

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as specified herein in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by replacing the identified paragraph(s) as indicated below. The amended paragraph(s) contain no new matter.

Specifically, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

—~~The invention relates to a filter according to the preamble of claim 1~~ such as an oil filter for an internal combustion engine. Such filters are familiar from DE-U-296,10,290 or from practice, for example, as oil filters for internal combustion engines in the automobile industry. The filter in DE-U-296,10,290 has a drain valve and a check valve which must be installed separately in the filter housing. A filter which was disclosed in EP-A1-692,292 has a check valve which is molded in along with a hollow mounting screw. —

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

—~~This goal of the invention is achieved by a filter with the features of claim 1~~ a filter housing having a valve located in the filter housing, such as a check valve. A filter bypass valve, or a drain valve, is also provided. The valve body of the bypass or drain valve is located in a combination component. The combination component has a connector for connecting at least one additional filter component, such as an additional valve or a filter insert, to the combination component. —